

**REMARKS**

**Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 19, and 22-24** have been canceled without prejudice.

**Claims 1, 9 and 17** have each been (once) amended.

**Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 17, 20, and 21** are pending.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

**Claims 3, 11 and 19** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claims 3, 11 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

**Rejections under 35. U.S.C. §102(e) and 35. U.S.C. §103(a)**

**Claims 1, 6-9, 14-17 and 22-24** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,337,702 issued to *Bates et al.* Following the claim cancellations herein, Claims 1, 9, and 17 remain thusly rejected.

**Claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 18, and 19** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over *Bates et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,101 issued to *Clark et al.* Following the claim cancellations herein, no Claims remain that are thusly rejected. Hence, these rejections are rendered moot.

**Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, and 21** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,425,102 issued to *Moy*, in view of *Bates et al.* Following the claim cancellations herein, Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, and 21 remain thusly rejected.

With regard to independent **Claim 1**, the recited method includes determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input and if during such conditions there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input

1 for a login operation being supported, then reminder information associated with  
2 the user input field is automatically displayed through a non-modal mechanism  
3 within the graphical user interface.

4 Neither *Bates et al.* nor *Moy* disclose or reasonably suggest, alone or in  
5 combination, determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user  
6 input, determining when there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user  
7 input for a login operation and as such automatically displaying reminder  
8 information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism  
9 within the graphical user interface.

10 Consequently, for at least these reasons, Claim 1 is patentable over the cited  
11 art. Also, for at least these and other reasons, **Claims 4 and 5**, which depend from  
12 Claim 1, are also patentable over the cited art.

13 With regard to independent **Claim 9**, the recited computer-readable  
14 medium having computer-executable instructions that support a login operation  
15 includes determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user input,  
16 determining if there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user input for  
17 the login operation when conditions allow for the reception of the user input, and  
18 automatically displaying reminder information associated with the user input field  
19 through a non-modal mechanism within the graphical user interface based on the  
20 failure to operatively receive correct user input.

21 Neither *Bates et al.* nor *Moy* disclose or reasonably suggest, alone or in  
22 combination, determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user  
23 input, determining when there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user  
24 input for a login operation and as such automatically displaying reminder  
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1 information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism  
2 within the graphical user interface.

3 Consequently, for at least these reasons, Claim 9 is patentable over the cited  
4 art. Also, for at least these and other reasons, **Claims 12 and 13**, which depend  
5 from Claim 1, are also patentable over the cited art.

6 With regard to independent **Claim 17**, the recited apparatus includes a  
7 processor that is configured to support a login operation by determining when  
8 conditions allow for the reception of the user input, determining if there has been a  
9 failure to operatively receive correct user input for the login operation when  
10 conditions allow for the reception of the user input, and automatically displaying  
11 reminder information associated with the user input field through a non-modal  
12 mechanism within the graphical user interface based on the failure to operatively  
13 receive correct user input.

14 Neither *Bates et al.* nor *Moy* disclose or reasonably suggest, alone or in  
15 combination, determining when conditions allow for the reception of the user  
16 input, determining when there has been a failure to operatively receive correct user  
17 input for a login operation and as such automatically displaying reminder  
18 information associated with the user input field through a non-modal mechanism  
19 within the graphical user interface.

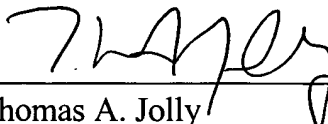
20 Consequently, for at least these reasons, Claim 17 is patentable over the  
21 cited art. Also, for at least these and other reasons, **Claims 20 and 21**, which  
22 depend from Claim 1, are also patentable over the cited art.  
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1 **Conclusion**

2 The pending claims as amended herein are patentable over the cited art and  
3 should therefore be allowed.

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